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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Revised Development Plans for SAINT, MIDAS and [redacted]

1. At approximately 1715 hours, 30 November, Dr Charyk called Col Martin to ask about the Air Staff plans for processing the revised Development Plans for SAINT, MIDAS and [redacted]. He said that he understood that some plan was being made to have Air Staff briefings prior to any discussion with the NSC. He expressed concern that the NSC should have a chance to comment on these plans before they are firm, and noted that the Secretary of the Air Force says that it would be a waste of time to firm up without prior NSC comments and discussion. Dr Charyk stated that this matter had been discussed between Generals Wilson and Schriever and the Secretary at an AFSC-ARDC meeting about two or three weeks ago, and that he was surprised to find that any other type of action was being contemplated.

2. Col Martin stated that AFDAP had no knowledge of this requirement for a NSC review and discussion prior to drawing up the revised plans, and that we had prepared a proposed plan that was being staffed and was not yet approved. This plan would have an ARDC-BMD-SAC-AFD briefing team present the revised plans to a joint meeting of the Weapons Board, Space Committee, and Strategic, Reconnaissance and Air Defense Panels on 16 December, with a briefing to the Weapons Board early in January and to the NSC about a week before the 15 January deadline for submission of the plans to the Department of Defense BSE. Col Martin explained that these plans were being revised to include all of the guidance that we have received, and that the time intervals between the briefings were required in order to present a completely staffed plan to the NSC. He noted that there would be about a week for any revisions required by the NSC to be included prior to the 15 January deadline.

3. Dr Charyk stated that the above procedure is inappropriate and should not be followed. He stated that there are some very important considerations that may be left out, that "the Secretary is interested in providing inputs" that will be incorporated into the Development Plans, and that there should be NSC review and discussion prior to firming up any plans so that the plans which are made will have a chance of being bought.

4. Dr Charyk then stated that there is a meeting now scheduled between BMD personnel and Dr York in Dr York's office on 15 December for the purpose of reviewing the status of the [redacted] program and the formation of Development Plans for SAINT and MIDAS. He noted that Dr Kistiakowski will attend the meeting. He suggested that arrangements be made for a NSC meeting on either the 14th or 16th of December for a discussion of the Development Plans so that the BMD people could accomplish this task and the 15 December meeting with Dr York on the same trip.

5. Col Martin stated that AFDAT had no knowledge of the 15 December meeting and asked if an AFDAT representative could attend. Dr Cheryk stated that AFDAT could send a representative to the meeting.

6. Col Martin stated that he would relay Dr. Cheryk's instructions to Generals Boushey and Wilson.

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